



**Serving the communities of Chino, Montclair, Pomona and Ontario**

## **January 2005**

**Dear Friend,**

Happy New Year! I was honored to be re-elected to represent the people of the 61<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. Swearing in for the new legislative session took place Dec. 6 in Sacramento

I was selected and appointed by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez to chair the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The primary function of this committee is consumer protection and oversees the following: non-medical occupational licensing including private postsecondary and vocational education; the creation and elimination of regulatory agencies, boards and commissions; governmental organization, efficiency and cost control; the Department of General Services, state procurement, and printing contracts; state and local property acquisition law; product labeling (excluding agriculture and medical); and weights and measures, including accuracy of product pricing, to name but a few.

I have high expectations for 2005 and look forward to working for you.

### **Upcoming District Events**

**Sponsored by  
Assemblywoman  
Gloria Negrete McLeod**

#### **Cal Grant Workshops**

Jan. 29, 2005  
10AM-12PM  
Ganesha High Cafeteria  
1151 Fairplex Dr. Pomona

Feb. 5, 2005  
10AM-12 PM  
De Anza Community & Teen Center  
1405 S. Fern St. Ontario



### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

On Jan. 17, America honored the legacy of Dr. King. He was an extraordinary individual. He was an intellectual, a religious and political leader. He was a man of deep heart and soul. He spoke universal truths about love and caring for each other as human beings. He moved peoples' hearts that even today when you hear his words you are moved.

In the Inland Empire, a tribute breakfast sponsored by Juneteenth America at the Ontario Doubletree Hotel.

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## ***Martin Luther King, Jr.....cont'd***

“King is an icon who stands for justice for all people in America. Although in the beginning his advocacy was for black Americans, he worked on behalf of Cesar Chavez and other groups. He believed in justice for all people,” said John Thompson, an event organizer for the King breakfast.

King celebrations are important because they result in the coming together of communities, Thompson said. “This is an excellent way to start the new year off: with unity,” he added.

Celebrating King’s legacy is only fitting. His efforts and sacrifice set in motion the forces of social change that forever altered public attitudes toward race relations. It also created opportunities for other disadvantaged groups.

Through King’s work, explicit discrimination was outlawed, if not eliminated entirely. African Americans have also become more visible in politics, corporate boardrooms and the media.

His birthday was named a state holiday in California in 1981; Congress followed suit when Sen. Edward Kennedy sponsored legislation at the federal level in 1984.

In 1994 President Bill Clinton signed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Service Act, which expanded the holiday’s mission to be a day of community service, interracial cooperation and anti-youth violence initiatives.

## **State Fellowships Available**

College students and graduates interested in public policy and politics have until Feb. 23, 2005 to apply for a number of fellowship programs offered by the California Assembly, Senate and other branches of state government.

Applications are now being accepted for four state government fellowship programs: the Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship, the California Senate Fellows, the Executive Fellowship and the Judicial Administration Fellowship.

These programs are a great way to gain firsthand knowledge of the four branches of state government.

The fellowships each pay a monthly stipend of \$1,882 and include health, dental, and vision benefits. Each year, 18 college graduates are selected for the program from an international applicant pool. Assembly Fellows spend 11 months learning the ins and outs of the California Legislature by working in Sacramento as staff to a legislative committee or a member of the Assembly. Their duties are similar to those of legislative assistants and consultants and include developing and researching legislative proposals, responding to constituent requests, analyzing bills and writing speeches and press releases.

Eighteen fellowships will be awarded this year to applicants with a four-year college degree.

The ranks of former fellows and associates include a Justice of the California Supreme Court, members of the United States Congress and the California State Legislature, a deputy director of the Peace Corps, corporate executives, and local government and community leaders.

For more information or assistance call my office at (909) 621-2783.

## ***Business Brief***

**Ontario- Fremont Investment Loan**, an Anaheim-based investment and loan company, leased 40,000 square feet of office building located at 3110 Guasti Road in the city of Ontario. Fremont plans to employ approximately 300 people at the facility. Michael Day and Taylor Ing of CB Richard Ellis represented the landlord, Trenton Development Corp., in the transaction. Source: *The Business Press*.

## **New California State Laws Taking Effect Jan. 1, 2005**

**Drug Imports** (AB 2682 – Negrete McLeod) This legislation requires non-resident wholesalers that import dangerous drugs or devices to California to obtain a non-resident wholesalers license, to be renewed annually, from the California Pharmacy Board. Each non-resident facility involved in the importation of such drugs and devices will be required to be licensed, as well. In addition, a \$100,000 surety bond or its equivalent for each of the facilities is now required.

**West Nile** (AB 1091 -- Negrete McLeod) I introduced this bill in response to the outbreak of the West Nile virus in the district last year. It will make it easier to track, treat and prevent potentially deadly illnesses.

**Spyware prohibitions** (SB 1436 – Murray) prohibits the intentional and deceptive installation of “Spyware” software on a consumer’s computer to take over the computer, modify its security, or collect the user’s personally identifiable information.

**Primary Election** (SB 1730 – Johnson) moves the primary election, both state and presidential, to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

**Military Families and Taxes** (SB 1713 – Machado) changes California tax law to conform to the changes made by the federal Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003.

**Smog Check Exemptions** (AB 2683 – Lieber) repeals the rolling exemption from Smog Check and Smog Check II requirements for vehicles more than 30 model years old and replaces it with an exemption for vehicles manufactured prior to the 1976 model year.

**Military Death Benefit** (SB 1193 – Soto) requires the State to pay a \$10,000 death benefit to the surviving spouses of a member of the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or Naval Militia who is killed in the performance of state or federal duty.

**Child Restraint Laws** (AB 1697 – Torlakson) requires all children less than six years of age or weighing less than 60 pounds to be properly restrained in the back seat of passenger vehicles. Exceptions include vehicles with no rear seat, rear seats that are rear or side-facing, and if all rear seats are occupied by children under the age of 12. The law also prohibits children from riding in the front seat of a vehicle with an active passenger airbag if the child is under the age of one or weighs less than 20 pounds or is riding in a rear-facing restraint system.

**Motorized Scooters** (AB 1878 – Chan) requires users of motorized scooters to possess a valid Class C driver’s license or instruction permit. Previously no license was required. The law is also amended to prohibit operating a scooter on a highway or off-highway unless it has a properly maintained muffler in constant operation. It also prohibits sale of a scooter that produces more than 80 decibels at a distance of 50 feet.

**Speed Violations.** (AB 2237 – Parra) provides for a fine of up to \$750 for a second conviction within three years for driving in excess of 100 mph. The fine increases up to \$1,000 per conviction for subsequent offenses committed within five years of the first two.

**Speed Contests** (SB 1541 – Margett) Punishment for those who engage in illegal speed contests such as street racing increases to now include mandatory performance of 40 hours of community service. Preexisting penalties include 24-hours minimum jail time and suspension of driver’s license for from 90 days to six months.

**Headlamp Usage** (AB 1854 – Simitian) This amendment to the vehicle code requires every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, be operated with headlamps lighted when weather conditions require the windshield wipers to be in continuous use.

## **Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez Jr.**

September 15, 1961 – January 10, 2005

Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr., a seventeen year veteran of the department, was slain while on duty at the California Institution for Men in Chino on Monday January 10, 2005.

He is survived by his parents, Manuel Gonzalez Sr. and Bertha Gonzalez, siblings David, Rosalina and Dela, fiancée Tonia and six children, Mark, Steven, Roxanna, Jessica, Manuel and Gustavo.

Gonzalez' funeral was held on January 18, 2005.

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### **Pomona Officer lauded for efforts**

Pomona Police Captain Joe Romero was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal Nov. 9, 2004, by the Hispanic American Command Officer's Association (HAPCOA).

Each year at its annual conference the organization recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and organizations by presenting its Aguila Awards.

The award was bestowed on Romero his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Pomona community, according to HAPCOA.

Capt. Romero received the Meritorious Service Medal for "displaying exceptional performance and commitment to the City of Pomona."

Congratulations, Capt. Romero!

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## **Holiday Wrap-Up**

### **Pomona gets into the Holiday Spirit**



Pomona Junior Chambers of Commerce hosted its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 4, 2004.

Hundreds lined the street along Holt Boulevard. Parade participants included students from the schools' ROTC program, high school marching bands, color guards, dance teams, mascots and various other community organizations.

It was a great way to start to the holiday season!



## A Special Thank You to UFCW Local 1428

Every year, UFCW Local 1428 members make huge contributions to the community around the holidays. For the last seven years UFCW Local 1428 has sponsored Kingsley Elementary in Montclair with very much needed items to make the holidays special for many students and their families. The UFCW's local membership has been a champion to our local school, donating entire wish lists that include things like 52 pairs of shoes. This year, UFCW donated 25 dinners to students and their families. Additionally, local members held food, gift, toy and clothing drives for the House of Ruth in Pomona.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the community!



Assemblymember Gloria Negrete McLeod and Jacqueline Asfall, Chino's Community Services Commissioner.

## ***Chino residents celebrate the season with a parade***

Thousands of Chino residents and I joined with community leaders, organizations and residents of my hometown on December 11, 2004 to celebrate the Holiday Season with another parade.

The city's annual Youth Holiday Parade was held on an unseasonably warm (80 degrees!) winter morning.

The Chino event included participants from a number of community organizations. As always, I was happy to be greeted by my grandchildren and other family members, who were among the many parade marchers and watchers.

It was a lot of fun and got Chino into the spirit of the season.



## **Happy New Year!**

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of the 61<sup>st</sup> Assembly District

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